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SUBJECT: 63RD ECOSOC: PLO MEMBERSHIP IN ECONOMIC
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1. REFTEL A, BEING REPEATED BY SEPTTEL TO ADDRESSEES,
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INDICATES THAT GREECE, JAMAICA AND ZAIRE ARE LIKELY TO
VOTE IN FAVOR OF ARAB RESOLUTION PROPOSING FULL PLO
MEMBERSHIP IN ECWA AT ECOSOC PLENARY SESSION ON JULY 25.

2. IN VIEW PREVIOUS INDICATIONS THAT GREEKS AND ZAIREANS
WERE SYMPATHETIC TO OUR ARGUMENTS AGAINST FULL PLO
MEMBERSHIP, EMBASSIES SHOULD AGAIN APPROACH HOSTS TO

URGE THAT AT MINIMUM THEY SHOULD ABSTAIN ON PLO MEMBERSHIP.

3. FOR ATHENS: YOU MAY WISH TO MAKE POINT THAT GREECE WOULD BE ALONE AMONG WESTERN EUROPEANS IN VOTING FOR PLO. ALL OF THE EC-9 MEMBERS IN ECOSOC WILL VOTE AGAINST AND AUSTRIA WILL ABSTAIN.

4. FOR KINSHASA: YOU MAY WISH TO POINT OUT PROJECTION INDICATES BULK OF AFRICAN MEMBERS OF ECOSOC WILL ABSTAIN AND ONE (KENYA) MAY VOTE AGAINST, BUT THAT ZAIRE WOULD LIKELY BE ALONE WITH ETHIOPIA AMONG NON-ARAB AFRICAN STATES IN VOTING FOR.

5. FOR KINGSTON: OUR TALLY INDICATES JAMAICA WILL BE ONLY ECOSOC MEMBER STATE IN LATIN AMERICAN-CARIBBEAN AREA TO JOIN WITH CUBA IN SUPPORTING PLO MEMBERSHIP IN ECWA. ALL OTHERS ARE PROJECTED AS VOTING AGAINST (BOLIVIA, COLOMBIA, ECUADOR) OR ABSTAINING (BRAZIL, MEXICO, VENEZUELA). ARGENTINA APPARENTLY WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN VOTE BUT WILL MAKE STATEMENT AGAINST ARAB RESOLUTION. YOU SHOULD URGE RE-CONSIDERATION OF JAMAICA'S REPORTED POSITION AND ASK THEM TO ABSTAIN IF THEY ARE UNWILLING TO OPPOSE.

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